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SUBJ: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: YUGOSLAV POSITION ON HOSTILE

RESOLUTION

1. FSFA ASST SEC (MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS) KOMATINA CLAIMED TO AMBASSADOR SEP 10 THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL NOT RPT NOT CO-SPONSOR NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM, THUS REITERATING WHAT FSFA IO OFFICE DIRECTOR JAZIC HAD TOLD COUNS SEP 8. WHILE OFFICIALS GAVE IMPRESSION YUGOSLAVIA WOULD AGREE TO CO-SPONSOR IF NORTH KOREA WERE TO ALTER ITS RESOLUTION, THEY DID NOT APPEAR TO BELIEVE ANY REVISION ACCEPTABLE TO YUGOSLAVIA IS NOW IN THE OFFING. EMBASSY WILL REPORT BY SEPTELS ON OTHER SUBJECTS ADDRESSED IN OUR RECENT DISCUSSION OF COLOMBO NASC, ITS AFTERMATH AND KEY POLITICAL ISSUES AT UPCOMING UNGA.

2. YUGOSLAVIA'S SUPPOSED DECISION NOT TO CO-SPONSOR PRESENT NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION APPEARS DUE TO THEIR OBJECTIONS TO CERTAIN OF ITS PROVISIONS AND THEIR PIQUE OVER MANNER IN WHICH NORTH KOREANS SOLICITED YUGOSLAV SUPPORT. KOMATINA REVEALED TO AMBASSADOR HE WAS "FEELING ILL" AT PROSPECT OF MEETING FOLLOWING DAY WITH NORTH KOREAN VICE FONMIN. "I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK WITH HIM," HE SAID. WHAT THE

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NORTH KOREANS HAVE PROPOSED IS "A BAD RESOLUTION, A

WRONG RESOLUTION AND IT WAS PUT TO US ONLY TO CO-SPONSOR," NOT TO SUGGEST CHANGES THEREIN. "WE COULD HAVE CHANGED (SIC) IT BETTER," HE ARGUED. HE THEN STATED "I AM CERTAIN IN THE UN THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WILL HAVE LESS SUPPORT THAN LAST YEAR," NOTING THAT NORTH KOREA'S "NON-RECOGNITION VIEW" IS LESS WIDELY ACCEPTED.

3. IN COUNS' DISCUSSION WITH JAZIC, LATTER SAID NORTH KOREANS HAD CIRCULATED THEIR (UNGA) KOREAN RESOLUTION ON LAST DAY COLOMBO AND ASKED YUGOSLAVS TO REPLY WITHIN 24 HOURS WHETHER THEY WOULD CO-SPONSOR OR NOT. IN ADDITION TO TIME FRAME IMPOSED BY NORTH KOREANS JAZIC DEEMED CERTAIN POINTS IN NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE, CHIEF AMONG THESE BEING NORTH KOREAN CALL FOR "GREAT CONGRESS" TO DECIDE ISSUE OF UNIFICATION. JAZIC SAID YUGOSLAVS HAD COUNSELED NORTH KOREANS TO REMOVE THIS LANGUAGE AND STICK CLOSELY TO THE PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN '72 JOINT DECLARATION. HE STATED YUGOSLAVS CONTINUE TO URGE NORTH KOREANS TO VIEW MORE REALISTICALLY THE EXISTENCE OF SOUTH KOREA AS FACTOR IN UNIFICATION PROCESS. ASKED WHETHER YUGOSLAVS WOULD CO-SPONSOR IF SPECIFIC OBJECTIONABLE ITEMS WERE DEALT WITH SATISFACTORILY, JAZIC REPLIED THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN. "WE WILL SEE HOW IT GOES IN NEW YORK", HE SAID. JAZIC NOTED, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT THINK NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU WOULD PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN DECIDING "HOW IT GOES".

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